



Job Opportunity – Natural Resource Aide

Appointment: Start date: May 11, 2022 to end date (flexible): end of August or as late as October 13, 2022

The Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking to hire five seasonal Natural Resource Aides for the purpose of water quality field sampling. Aides will earn an hourly rate of \$14.00. Aides will have the opportunity to work in several of the DNR Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section stream, lake, shallow lake, UAA, wetland, fish kill follow-up, and beach monitoring programs.

Job Description:

- Field work preparation, including calibration and maintenance of field equipment
- Travel to monitoring sites across Iowa (solo and as a team)
- Identify, measure, collect, and record various types of biological, chemical, and physical data
- Coordinate daily delivery of water samples to contract laboratories
- Data entry
- Process invertebrate samples
- Digitize collected field data sheets
- Complete additional tasks as assigned

Applicants must:

- Have a valid driver's license, with appointment contingent upon a successful screening of their driving record.
- Develop a working knowledge of the DNR Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Section programs, policies, and procedures.
- Possess a basic understanding of water quality and monitoring practices and be willing to work long hours in the field under all types of weather conditions.
- Be able to use, or learn to use, all equipment related to field sampling work including: 4WD trucks, trailers, ATVs, powerboats, canoes, multi-parameter sampling probes, fishnets, and other related hand tools.
- Be able to interpret maps and navigate in a rural landscape.
- Be able to work outdoors and withstand physically demanding work, including traversing rough terrain and marshy areas. Activities include stooping, bending, and lifting up to 30 pounds.

Applicants will be expected to collect and field analyze water and biological samples across the state for much of the week, with the potential to work on other tasks within the Section as time and budget permit. Monitoring will call for extensive travel throughout the state and will require some overnight stays. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed per State of Iowa travel rules. Successful candidates will be based out of the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines, Iowa. Preference will be given to applicants that can work beyond August.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS Sunday, Feb 13th, 2022

Those seeking full-time seasonal work (30-40 hours per week) are encouraged to apply. Please send a cover letter including available start and end dates and a resume including names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three references electronically or by mail to:

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